

## About Prayer

**“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”**

**Luke 2:30-32**

**Simeon spoke this prayer in the temple holding the eight day old baby Jesus in his arms. It was a very emotional moment for him for he had been waiting for this experience for a long time... the consolation of Israel. Thousands of youth had a similar experience at camp this summer when they opened their hearts to Jesus who filled that deep void in their souls with peace, joy and hope. Their first prayers as new believers are always a flood of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the Gift of all gifts. Why not prepare your special prayer of thanksgiving and joy for the Gift of all gifts...JESUS.**



## For those who love to pray



### A MOTHER'S ADVICE

“As a mother, I want to give advice to other mothers. If you want to keep your children from the effects of sin, then send them to camp Vertical. Boys Camp is especially valuable for families where the father is an unbeliever or no father at all. Vertical really teaches boys how to become true servants of Jesus Christ, a true man for his wife, a wise father to his children and a loving son.”

Praise God for His hand of grace upon Vertical. Ask His blessing upon the weekly follow-up program the boys and counselors are engaged in. Ask God to remove all obstacles that prevent parents from sending their sons to Vertical. Camp was not full last summer and we would like to have a full camp in 2014.



### UNITED IN CHRIST

One staff handed each person at the conference a nail during the morning chapel and asked, “What can be done with one nail?” Each nail represented a person. After the audience gave several answers, the nails were collected and the audience was told they would see what can be accomplished when we all work together. During the evening chapel they presented this picture. “This is the result when we serve collectively rather than individually, when we are focused on Jesus (the cross) and motivated by love (the heart) each sacrificially doing the good works God planned for us to do (the red string). Better Together – our conference theme! In His prayer for His disciples in John 17, Jesus asked His Father three times for unity. Unity in Christ is one of the most difficult things for Christians to achieve. Ask God for unity in all camps and churches.



### GOD DID IT

KVI had no idea what God had in mind when he sent us to Russia in 1991. We knew that we were to develop national leaders for a camping ministry so we consciously narrowed our efforts and resources to this task. God blessed far beyond our imaginations and we thank Him for His awesome deeds in an empire that insisted for 70 years that He did not exist. Join us in thanking God for all the grace He has poured out upon the needy, suffering people of the former Soviet Union.

KVI herewith also expresses its deep gratitude to all who have been so faithful in prayer and so sacrificial with financial support all these years. You made KVI's ministry possible. Thank you for sharing our vision with devotion. The work is far from complete. Ask God to call new supporters both here in the west and in the FSU to continue and complete the work God wants done.



## I AM A REFUGEE

“I live in a refugee village since the Russian army occupied my village in Georgia in 2008,” reported Miriam. “My family has not been allowed to visit our village since then. To me camp is much more than a place of entertainment. It is the place where I learned about God’s endless love and it will flame in my heart as an inextinguishable fire. I am happy at camp but sad that the camp ends.”



Praise God for the opportunity to operate these places of happiness and the thousands of children and youth that attend them. Thank God for the churches and staff who operated these camps at great personal sacrifice. Praise God for all the new believers who are aflame for Jesus.



## PERSECUTION

Pressure to close Christian camps is increasing. The camps are illegal in five of the countries of the FSU. At the conference, a camp director told us that the police came to his camp and told him if he replaced the Bible Lessons with a disco they would not close the camp.

Thank God for all the churches who continue to operate camps in spite of the threats. Ask God to place His hedge of protection around the camps and to give the staff wisdom and grace to deal with the officials.

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## TWO UNBELIEVERS?

Elizabeth, a counselor, tells her story. “God blessed me with a most original and unusual group of teenage girls. Two of their names were Liz, both unbelievers. One was calm, the other hyperactive. They participated in all activities, constantly expressing their gratitude. They carefully participated in the Bible studies and tried to pray. At the end of camp both prayed a prayer of repentance. After camp, both girls joined in my home Bible study group. I am not saying that everything goes smoothly but they are open and share their experiences with me. I can only pray and believe that they will fully dedicate their lives to God.” Praise God for counselors like Elizabeth and all the follow-up work they do after camp is over. Ask God’s blessing for the spiritual development of all campers and wisdom and grace for all staff engaged in the important follow-up ministry.



## DETERMINED PENSIONERS

In the August Prayer Partner we wrote about pensioners in a remote village in a country where Christian camps are forbidden. Due to pressure from the government, all communication with the church the pensioners attend was stopped. At the conference, Dave met a member from the church who told him they were not able to operate their camp this summer so they sent 17 village children to another camp. Those children now attend the Sunday school. The children always talk about their camp experiences at school so the teachers invited the church to present a Christmas program in school. This has gone on for several years. These poor village children are now waiting for the delivery of the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas boxes. There is no road to the church in winter so they will be delivered by sleigh. Praise God for the pastor and determined pensioners in this church who make good things happen.

